CIL has taken up the following steps to reduce the gap between demand and indigenous supply:

(a) 99 projects have been considered to be taken up during Tenth plan

(b) Allotment of coal blocks to end users for captive mining

(c) Improvement in equipment utilization

(d) Mechanization/modernization of existing miners

(e) Timely implementation of projects

(f) All new mines are being planned with mechanization

Closing down of coal mines in Chhattisgarh

†3729. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total mines closed down in Chhattisgarh as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) the deails of coal mines that have been closed down and new ones that have been commissioned during the last three years;

(c) the details of new companies that have been permitted to work along with the names of new companies where they have been permitted to work in; and

(d) the company-wise details of production undertaken by private companies and SECL during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Coal India Limited (CIL), has closed down 15 coal mines in Chhattisgarh till 31st March, 2005.

(b) (i) The names of coal mines which were closed down by CIL in Chhattisgarh during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Mines	Year of closing
1.	Korea Underground	2002-03
2.	Jainagar old	2004-05
3.	West Chirimiri Underground	2004-05

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) The details of coal mines commissioned in Chhattisgarh during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Mines	Year of opening
1.	Chirimiri anjan Hill UG	2002-03
2.	Mahan OC	2004-05
3.	Bagdeva UG	2002-03
4.	Gaytri UG	2003-04
5.	Raniatri UG	2004-05

(c) Details of companies who have been allocated coal blocks in Chhattisgarh along with the names of such blocks in the State of Chhattisgarh are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Block allocated/State
1.	M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/1-Chhattisgarh
2.	M/s. Monner Ispat	Gare-Palma-IV/5-Chhattisgarh
3.	M/s. Jindal Power Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/2-Chhattisgarh
4.	M/s. Jindal Power Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/3-Chhattisgarh
5.	M/s. Jayaswal Neco Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/4, Moitra Chhattisgarh
6.	M/s. Raipur Alloys & Steel Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/7, Chhattisgarh
7.	M/s. Garuda Clays Ltd	West of Umaria, Chhattisgarh
8.	M/s. Prakash Industries Ltd.	Chotia Chhattisgarh

(d) In Chhattisgarh, production of coal during the last three years is as under:—

Sl. No.	Company	Years (production in million tonnes)		
		2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
1.	SECL	66.60	71.04	78.59
2.	Jindal Steel and Power Limited	2.116	2.466	2.96
3.	Monner Ispat Ltd.	Nil	Nil	0.13